

AUDITING OF P. O. PREVENTS FRAUDS

Officials Deny That the Government Loses \$1,000 a Day on Money Orders.

System of Accounts Such That Discrepancies Are Quickly Detected.

The statement recently printed to the effect that the system of auditing employed by the office of the auditor for the Postoffice Department, had been responsible for a long time for the Government losing an average of \$1,000 a day through error and fraud, is discounted about 100 per cent by people familiar with the workings of the department.

In the published criticism the statement is made that the Postoffice Department for years has been without the system of checks and balances known to every efficient private business.

The statement is also made that before steps were taken to correct certain defects in the system by the special postal commission at present conducting an inquiry into the business methods of the department, it was possible to practice fraud on the money order office.

Billions of Dollars Handled.

This statement is given but little credence in postal circles. It is said that more than \$5,000,000 money orders were issued during the fiscal year ended June 30 last, for which more than \$50,000,000 were paid, and the audit for this was more than \$12,500,000.

In the conduct of this vast volume of business less than .03 of 1 per cent was lost.

These results are reached, it is declared, by the untiring efforts of clerks who are generally overworked and underpaid. There are no "reforms of method imperative," it is said, a few more clerks and better salaries being given as the greatest needs of the auditor's office.

In view of the discussion of the matter, the methods employed in auditing postmasters' money order accounts, is of interest. The office of the auditor for the Postoffice Department audits both the issued and paid sides of postmasters' money order accounts.

Method Now in Vogue.

The method in vogue, that of comparing the voucher of the issuing postmaster against the amount claimed by the paying postmaster, makes a perfect system of audit. The coupon numerals on each money order serves as a double check, in that the order cannot be raised to a sum greater than that indicated in the margin.

First, second, and third class postmasters render their accounts of the money order business weekly, and fourth class postmasters render their statements at the end of each month.

Every transaction of the postmasters' money order business is audited within thirty days from the time the statements are received by the auditor's office, with the exception of the issued side of the accounts.

Confidence of Public.

The confidence of the public in the money order business conducted by the Government is such that great numbers of money orders approximating several millions of dollars are purchased and retained by the purchaser for a year, such people using the Government as a saving institution.

As the original voucher of the issuing postmaster is eventually audited with the amount charged by him on his money order statement after being checked against the amount claimed for its payment by the postmaster, it naturally follows that any discrepancy appearing, whether it be for 1 cent or \$100, it is invariably detected.

Board of Trade Votes; Favors Short Terms

Downs Repeal of Amendment Limiting Continuous Service.

Nine New Directors Are Selected—Clarence F. Norment Leads.

Nine new directors were elected and one retiring director re-elected at the annual meeting of the Washington Board of Trade last night. The movement to repeal the amendment to the by-laws of the organization passed last year to secure rotation in office, was defeated by the decisive vote of 96 to 188. This is the result of one of the most spirited contests ever had in the Board of Trade.

The chief interest of the meeting centered about the proposition to repeal last year's action limiting the consecutive service of directors to two terms. He asked Cuno H. Rudolph, who had proposed the repeal, and D. J. Callahan, the author of the amendment adopted last year, to control the debate on the proposition.

Mr. Rudolph called on A. A. Birney to open for his side. Mr. Birney took the ground that the purpose of the organization was for the public interest, and that he considered any limitation upon those who should be elected as directors was not subserving that good. Mr. Callahan was his own first speaker, and delivered one of the most eloquent addresses heard in a meeting of the Board of Trade in years. He reviewed the history of the adoption of the amendment last year, and also took the ground that the amendment then

BUILDING TRADES MEET; PLAN LABOR PARADE

Members of the building trades will meet this evening to decide upon a uniform and the minor details of "Labor's Gigantic Parade," to be held here on November 25. It is believed 10,000 men will be in line, and the managers expect to make it the greatest demonstration of labor ever held in the country. A mass meeting will follow the parade.

The Central Labor Union has decided to carry out the plans of the striking building trades and will contribute its quota to the rank and file.

The date set for the parade will mark the closing of the annual meeting of the American Federation of Labor now in session in Norfolk. At the closing of the meeting the most prominent international labor leaders and the majority of delegates will come to Washington to participate in the demonstration.

COPP PLEADS "NOT GUILTY."

Charged with creating a disturbance on B street northwest, last evening Robert Copp pleaded "not guilty" and asked for a continuance in the Police Court today on the ground that witnesses whose testimony was material to his defense were not in court. The continuance was granted. Judge Mulwain accepted Copp's personal bond in the sum of \$100.

NINE NEW DIRECTORS OF BOARD OF TRADE

Clarence F. Norment..... 149
James F. Oyster..... 143
Walter A. Brown..... 139
Ralph W. Lee..... 120
Thomas P. Morgan..... 116
Thomas C. Noyes..... 113
A. M. Lethrop..... 101
William V. Cox..... 101
E. C. Brandenburg..... 90
Judges—James T. Petty, H. C. C. Stiles, and W. H. Klopfer.

adopted served the best interests of the organization and of the city.

B. H. Warner took the ground that the amendment was in effect an abridgment of the rights of the members of the board to vote for whomsoever they pleased. In reply to Mr. Warner, Myer Cohen accused him of bringing personal animosities into the debate. Charles E. Foster protested against any restriction of the board or not take part in this campaign to bring more shoppers to this city, and believes that Christmas business will be very largely increased by these means. In order to complete the work and prepare for the necessary advertising, Mr. Cohen then turned the matter over to the secretary of the board, Mr. J. Kaufman, chairman of the committee, to be in his hands by that time.

General Wilson Thanked.

General Wilson called the meeting to order promptly at 8 o'clock. After dispensing with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting, President Wilson read his annual report. This was an unusually lengthy one and covered the last year's history of the city's development. At standing vote of thanks for his conspicuous services was tendered General Wilson.

Gen. George H. Harries then read his report and stated that with this report he concluded ten years of service as secretary. On motion of A. B. Browne, a vote of thanks for his services was taken. W. P. Van Winkle read his report as treasurer.

WILLIAM H. DICE DEAD; AMONG OLDEST NATIVES

William H. Dice, for years an active member of the Oldest Inhabitants Association, died yesterday in the Garfield Hospital, where he had been taken Friday last. He had been ill for six months. He was seventy-five years old and a native of Washington. For more than a century he had been an active contracting builder and erected some of the larger business houses of the city. He was well known to the older citizens, and in his active life was a prominent figure in the business and financial life of the District.

During the civil war he served a short time in the forts surrounding this city in defense of the National Capital against the threatened raids of the Confederate army. He was not a member of any of the Grand Army posts, nor of any secret or fraternal orders. He is survived by two sons and two daughters. They are William H. Dice, Jr., in the coal business, and Robert McCallahan Dice, in the Government service, and Miss Alice E. Dice, sometime a cafe on G street, and Miss Nellie Virginia Dice, associated with her sister, Mr. Dice was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

SENTENCED AS DRUNKARD.

Convicted of being an habitual drunkard, a nuisance, William J. Canfield was given the full penalty of the law by Judge Mulwain in the Police Court today. His continuance will not mar the neighborhood for six long months.

RETAIL COMMITTEE TAKES NEW OFFICES

Begins Work at Once of Attract Christmas Trade.

The retail trade committee, of the Chamber of Commerce, will open headquarters tomorrow at the northeast corner of Fourteenth street and Pennsylvania avenue. The rooms face the Avenue and Fourteenth street, on the second floor of the building, with entrance on the Fourteenth street side. The work of the committee to attract a large number of Christmas shoppers from the surrounding towns and cities to Washington at a time when Washington merchants are showing their most attractive goods is rapidly progressing. Temporary headquarters are in use today in the offices of the Chamber of Commerce, at 1214 F street.

Ask Merchants to Assist.

The committee desires that as large a number of merchants as possible, whether they are members of the Chamber of Commerce or not, take part in this campaign to bring more shoppers to this city, and believes that Christmas business will be very largely increased by these means. In order to complete the work and prepare for the necessary advertising, Mr. Cohen then turned the matter over to the secretary of the board, Mr. J. Kaufman, chairman of the committee, to be in his hands by that time.

Supporters of Movement.

The following merchants, with the amounts of their subscriptions, have already joined the movement:

Lansburgh & Brother.....	\$25.00
Jackson Brothers.....	10.00
House & Hermann.....	10.00
Galt & Brother.....	10.00
Berry & Whitmore Company.....	25.00
M. Goldsmith & Son.....	25.00
Edmonston & Co.....	25.00
R. Harris & Co.....	25.00
G. G. Correll & Son.....	25.00
E. H. Snyder & Co.....	25.00
Lauman Bros.....	25.00
William Hahn.....	25.00
D. J. Kaufman.....	25.00
Schmeddie Bros.....	25.00
Eisenman Bros.....	25.00
Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company.....	25.00
R. Berberich's Sons.....	15.00
R. W. Henderson.....	15.00
W. B. Moses & Sons.....	15.00
S. Kann, Sons & Co.....	15.00
Harry King.....	15.00
J. H. Magruder.....	15.00
William Hahn.....	15.00
Sidney West.....	15.00
E. H. Eitz.....	15.00
Julius Garfinkle.....	15.00
M. Goldenberg.....	15.00
Woodward & Lothrop.....	15.00
A. Kann.....	15.00
Heber-Kaufman.....	15.00
K. C. Carr.....	15.00
Saks & Co.....	15.00
Dwight Anderson.....	15.00
R. Rich's Sons.....	15.00
Sultan & Eisenman.....	15.00
George W. Spier.....	15.00
Joseph Auerbach.....	15.00
C. H. Reizenstein.....	15.00
Lehrer-Kaufman.....	15.00
Dreyfus Bros.....	15.00
Loeb & Co.....	15.00
G. A. Thornton.....	15.00
Arthur Hurt.....	15.00

Best Coal at Low Prices. R. J. & M. C. Grace, 4th & F ne. Phone Lincoln 233.

PRESIDENT SEES JU-JITSU OUTDONE

Hitachiya, Champion Wrestler of Japan, Gives Exhibition.

If old Ju-jitsu himself had been at the White House yesterday he could not have furnished a more skillful and scientific wrestling bout than that furnished by Tanemon Hitachiya, the human freight car of Japan and incidentally the undisputed champion. To those familiar with the heroes of the prize ring it is enough to say that Hitachiya is as big as Ed Dundhorst, to the untalented a fair comparison is that he seems as large as Pennsylvania avenue.

His best trick was to stand still and then let his three assistants do a hop, step, and jump on his stomach while the "tennis cabinet" which was present in full numbers, gasped with the expectation of beholding a windless, grunting Jap on the floor. But Hitachiya likes to have people jump on his stomach, and in many other ways was a revelation to the spectators.

The champion went to the White House in fulfillment of a promise made last September that when he returned to Washington he would give an exhibition to the President. A big mat was spread in the center of the East Room and on this the bouts took place.

Among those present were the President, Ambassador Aoki, of Japan; Ambassador Jusserand, of France; William Loeb, secretary to the President; Secretary Gifford, Postmaster General Meyer, Assistant Secretary of State Bacon, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Beckman, Winthrop, Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Labor Murray, Assistant Attorney General Cooley, and Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot.

MUSIC HOUSE IS FRAUD, SAYS THE GOVERNMENT

The Postoffice Department has issued a fraud order against the North American Music Company, its officers and agents, at 59 West Twenty-eighth street, New York city.

It is said that R. H. Brennan and Mrs. P. B. Story for more than two years have employed the name of the North American Music Company to advertise special facilities for publishing and popularizing new songs.

Amateur and inexperienced writers of music were the class most sought by the concern.

A fraud order was also issued against the Star Clipping Bureau, at Nashville, Tenn., the name used by Edward K. Sweetland, previous to his arrest, to sell fake complimentary sketches, the scheme being to write to persons in various parts of the country stating that the bureau was in possession of a personal sketch printed by some magazine that would be sent on receipt of 25 cents—coin of the realm.

The sketches were written by Sweetland.

FREE WATER FOR HOSPITAL.

Upon request of Charles W. Holmes, treasurer of the George Washington University, the George Washington University Hospital has been granted an allowance of sixty gallons of water daily, for the use of the hospital, free of charge by the Commissioners.

Become a Depositor in Banking.

Dept. of Union Trust Co., 1414 F st., and have every banking advantage. Under supervision of U. S. Treasury Dept. This company pays interest on all accounts.

JAPAN INVITES U. S. TO HER EXPOSITION

Invitations have been extended by Japan to this and other countries to participate in the great international exposition at Tokyo to be held from April to October 31, 1912. The exposition is to commemorate no historical event. Its purpose being to show to the world Japanese development and progress.

By formally making the announcement that Japan is preparing to hold the exhibition, the sentiment was expressed at the Japanese embassy that the undertaking will prove to the world Japan's desire to remain at peace with all nations.

Sweet Violets, 25c Per Bunch. Krenner the Florist, 216 F st. n.w.

SHAH RISKS HIS LIFE TO ATTEND ASSEMBLY

TEHERAN, Persia, Nov. 12.—To prove his loyalty to the new Persian constitution, the Shah is braving threats of assassination by attending today's session of the national assembly.

A strong body of troops surround the assembly's place of meeting and admission is by ticket only, even to members of the cabinet. The popular feeling against the ruler is due to the conviction in many quarters that he seeks to nullify the constitution and return to absolutism.

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